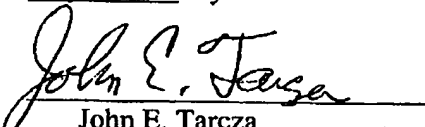


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR RCE

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 2, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) mailed March 28, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

The basis for this notice was that the request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. A copy of the notice is attached.

Applicants submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on March 8, 2005 that had the box marked that an IDS was attached. An Information Disclosure Statement along with references was submitted on March 8, 2005. Thus, a submission was included with the RCE.

As proof, applicants checked the USPTO's web site PAIR records. The PAIR records acknowledged receipt of the RCE and the IDS on March 8, 2005. Viewing of the

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actual images of these documents on the PAIR system indicates a March 8, 2005 date stamp on both the RCE and the IDS.

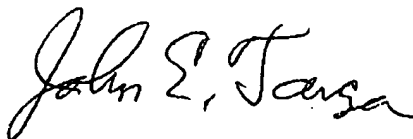
Therefore, the USPTO has received and continues to have a copy of the submission at least in image form.

Withdrawal of this notice, filing of the RCE and examination of the patent application with the new IDS is respectfully requested.

In view of the USPTO records and the above comments, the application is now proper for processing of the RCE and examination.

If needed, applicants petition for sufficient extension of time for consideration of this paper. The commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees, including extension of time fees, under 37 CFR § 1.17, which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500933.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: May 2, 2005

Attachment: Copy of the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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